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Assistant to the Director

Assistant Director for Communications

Progress Report (due 1 January 1952)

Reference: Memorandum from Assistant to the Director dated 23 October,  
subject as above.

Attached is the draft of the Office of Communications  
Annex to the progress report as requested in the reference  
memorandum.

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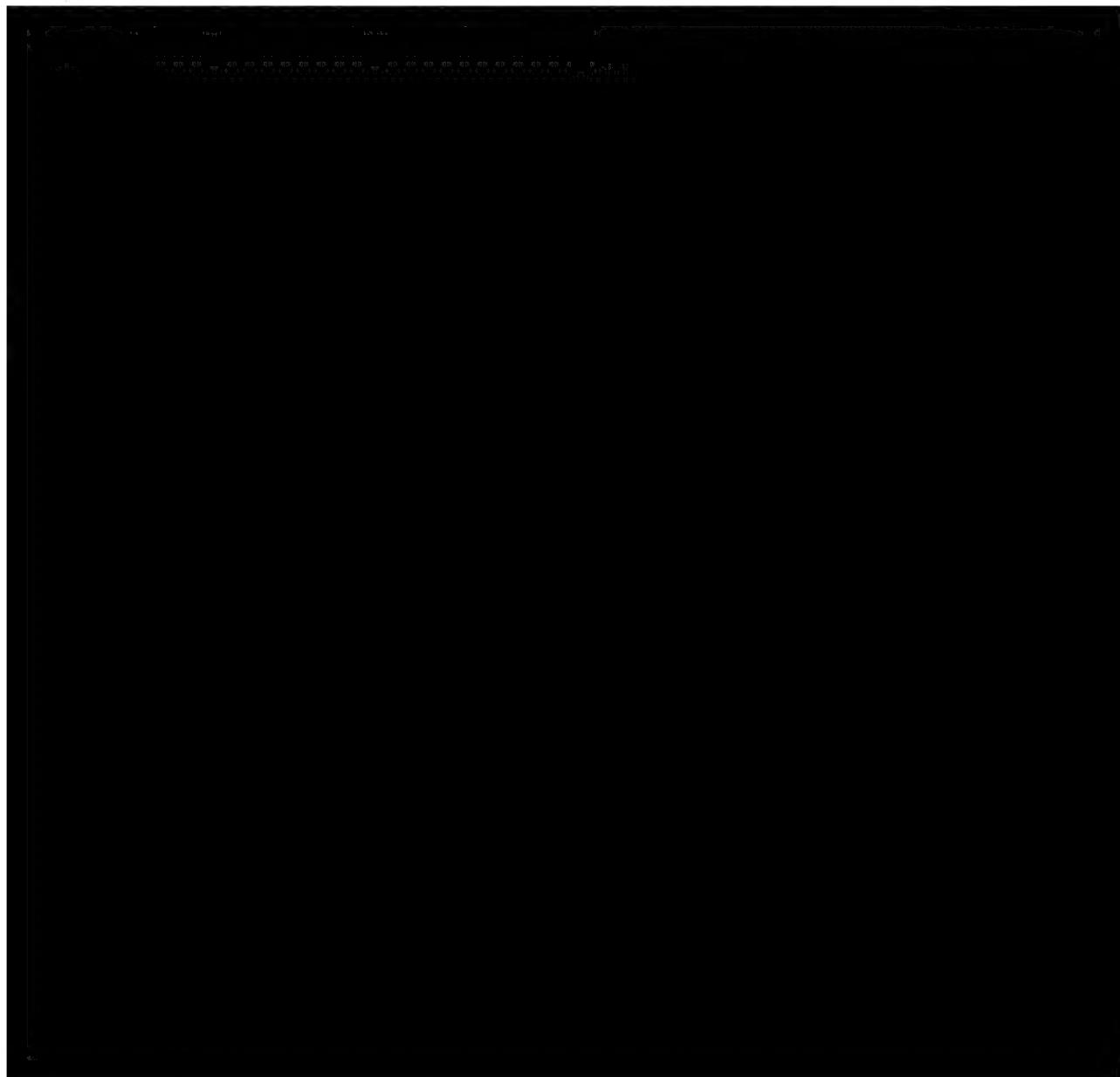


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It has long been recognized that any major activity must have a reliable and rapid means of communications among its components if it is to compete successfully in its field. The peculiar nature of CIA operations requires that in addition to being reliable and rapid, its communications must be secure. Often times the mere existence of CIA communications must be concealed. For these reasons the CIA system is ~~25X1A~~ among U. S. communications activities.



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The part played by communications in the overall CIA picture, although essentially a supporting role, is considered the key to the success of many CIA operations. An integral part of many of the operations conducted by the Agency and particularly many of the covert operations is communications. If communications fails, the project fails. If communications succeeds, the chances for the success of the project are greatly increased.